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STATISTICS

Months in Service.....	2 plus 10 days
Days in Greenlee County	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Days in Field.....	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Days in Office.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Home Visits.....	22
Different Home Visits.....	21
Office Calls.....	20
Telephone Calls.....	8
Letters Written.....	8
Circular Letters.....	1
Copies of Circular Letters.....	296
News Articles.....	15
Radio Talks.....	2
Bulletins Distributed.....	501
Demonstrations Given.....	1
Demonstration Attendance.....	14
Other Extension Meetings.....	2
Total Attendance.....	26
4-H Meetings.....	4
Attendance.....	130
Auto Miles Traveled.....	579
Training Meetings Held for Local Leaders.....	1
Attendance.....	17

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EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

Approximately one week out of every month is spent working in Greenlee County. Much more time could be effectively used but with the burden of work in the Graham time has to be divided accordingly.

Franklin, Luntville, and Eagle Creek have organized homemakers clubs. The Franklin club meets regularly once a month - never missing. This is one club which can plan their own programs and do use leaders a great deal. They are enthusiastic women who are anxious to put into practice any information received through the Extension Service. The Luntville club consists mostly of young mothers who are interested but often hindered because of the illness of a child, church work, or the birth of a child. They meet every month that the Agent is able to be with them but very seldom do they meet without the Agent. Their leaders attend leaders' meetings and pass the information on by personal contacts but it has been hard for them to give a demonstration to the group. Eagle Creek Homemakers Club is the only organized group in their isolated cattle area and therefore means a great deal to these women. It is important as a recreational group. During the year they put on a play and helped with school activities. Information and material is supplied through the Home Demonstration Agent and a visit is made to them three or four times a year. It has been the custom for the Home Demonstration Agent and County Agent to go together and following a dinner or picnic the County Agent meets with the men while the Home Demonstration Agent meets with the women. The other communities have been contacted by mail, through the paper and through interest groups. Preliminary work has been done looking forward to the organization of a young mothers' club in Duncan. It is hoped that the new home demonstration agent will be able to continue with this.

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ORGANIZATION

4-H Organization

4-H work in Greenlee County is gaining in interest and participation. As in the 1946 annual report there are three active clubs in the grade school in Duncan and one which meets in a home. The club in Franklin does most of its work in the summer but they do have organized club meetings when the occasion demands during the winter. Several of the Greenlee County Girls are working toward County and State competition.

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PUBLICITY

The one paper published in the county is the Copper Era, a weekly. This paper has been very generous in carrying news articles regarding the work of the Extension Service and in carrying a weekly column headed "Housekeeping Helps and Hints by Margaret Billingsley, Home Demonstration Agent". Articles regarding Homemakers' meetings, demonstrations, and 4-H club work is printed.

The weekly column has carried the following articles:

As A Child Eats, So Shall He Grow
Choosing Toys For Children
Steamed Cranberry Pudding
Candied Sweet Potato
Meat in The Diet
Weights Versus Pins
The Sweet Potato
Sweet Potato Pie
Boil and Bubble
A Family Affair
Lemon Sauce
Homemade Soap
Slip Tip
Roasts

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HOUSE AND FURNISHINGS

After attending the housing school held at the University of Arizona, Mr. Page and the Home Demonstration Agent are planning to outline a program for the county. The use of movies, newspapers and radio was to be one of the first steps to arouse interest and in letting the people know that the Extension Service is ready to give assistance along this line.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Greenlee County is in dire need of better health facilities. The Board of Supervisors has appropriated money for a school nurse who is to work part time in the school and part time in the Duncan valley; however, no one has yet been found to fill this position.

The question of fluorine in the water is still one which has to be solved. A petition was signed by one hundred fifty people and sent to the State Corporation Commission asking that something be done about the low water and electric supply. When this problem is dealt with it will also be necessary to deal with their fluorine content.

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CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

With childrens clothing as the project for the spring and summer a leaders' meeting is being held under the direction of Miss Helen Church, the Clothing Specialist from the University. This meeting shall be the beginning of many of such meetings with the leaders taking the responsibility and carrying the information to their respective clubs as well as to interest groups.

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RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

The Thrifty Homemakers Club of Franklin always has a Christmas dinner, program and party as a highlight of their recreation for the year. At their December meeting this year they were presented with the Certificate of Achievement from the University. This is the second time this award has been received by them. The press book which the secretary has started received favorable comments. This should prove to be of exceptional interest in the future.

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HOME BEAUTIFICATION

The home beautification program started very successfully last year and will continue for the next few years. Several homes are being used as result demonstrations. Mr. Page, the County Agent, is very interested in this project and Mr. Page, the State Horticulturist, has planned meetings for February in connection with this program. Continued contacts and preparation meetings will be in order to keep up the enthusiasm.